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### SPEECH OF JAMES H. SWANGO

Seconding the Nomination of Hon. C. R. Brooks at the Irvine Convention.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention: I bespeak the utmost stretch of your courtesy in asking the indulgence of this honorable body for the few words I may utter. Requested by the loyal democracy of Wolfe county, I make bold to present to this convention the public sentiment and political convictions of the people from whom I come. Never since the morning stars sang together has there been manifested that party zeal and political ardor as has been displayed by the invincible democracy of Wolfe county. No longer blinded by our local prejudices, we seek to shun the snares and pitfalls of unscrupulous politicians, and to take our stand firmly upon the rock of political truth as marked by our great leader, Grover Cleveland.

Pursuant to this state of affairs, we desire the nomination of a man whose dignity, integrity and ability becomes the trust to which he aspires, and whose loyalty to the party which we uphold is unquestioned. A man who is able to meet on the stump or in the forum any manner of man the broad empire of Kentucky can afford. A man who by his masterly effort has climbed high on the slippery steps of earthly renown and proudly stands beneath the folds of that venerable flag of our fathers—the flag of Washington, of Jefferson, and of Jackson—emblazoned thereon, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

Fellow-democrats, I claim it is our duty to sacrifice local interests for the well-being of our party and to vote for a man whose nomination means election, and whose election means valient service, and whose record in congress will stand as a monument to Kentucky statesmanship! Such a man, sirs, we find in the personage of the Hon. Caleb Ratcliff Brooks, and in behalf of Wolfe county, I second his nomination. Although he has repeatedly suffered defeat, his faith in democracy has grown day by day until he stands a model democrat, armed with the truth of his cause and ready to do battle in behalf of his party.

Gentlemen of this convention, I have never had the pleasure of casting a ballot for any man, but nevertheless I am proud to stand before you a democrat. I inherited the principles from a sire whose democracy has never been challenged, and it is not strange that I should love my party with a passionate devotion akin to idolatry. I love Kentucky. She is democratic. My fathers pitched their tents in her lonely forests when she was indeed "the dark and bloody ground." They watched by the cradle of the infant commonwealth, beset with dangers on every hand. In behalf of her they gave the best blood of their hearts. Their sacred dust mingles with her soil, and death alone can take from me the memory of their heroic deeds.

Wherever there has been a battle Kentucky has always furnished a soldier. Wherever there has been need of a statesman Kentucky has always furnished one; her glorious manhood, her beautiful and virtuous womanhood, serene and majestic she stands the queenliest and haughtiest of all her sister states. Within this congressional district are our own mountains covered with as fine timber as ever pointed to the heavens; beneath their surface are beds of coal and iron rich as ever was dug from the earth. The energies of our own people, backed by the capital of our own bluegrass, will fill our valleys with the music of mills and make our mountains to resound with forge and furnace.

We feel, sirs, that the competency and abilities of the gentleman to whom we have given our hearty endorsement will bring about all we have asked, and again I take pleasure of endorsing the name of C. R. Brooks.

### Will Not Pass a Revenue Bill.

There will be a new revenue bill introduced in the house today from the revisory commission, and work will begin on this important law immediately. If those who are in favor of a county treasurer, exemptions to private corporations, equal taxation upon all property, both real, personal and mixed; and upon all franchises, could have a provision to suit each, all would be satisfied, and a revenue bill would be easy to pass, but it can not be. It is believed that this short session will not pass a revenue bill.—Frankfort Argus.

### The Duty of the Hour.

The courts must determine what is the final passage of a bill in the meaning of the constitution, and the issue is at hand to solve the question. The appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars to the World's Fair exhibit by the legislature will be the law upon which the question must be determined.

The issues raised by the governor are not, in our opinion, well taken, for the reason that the decisions of the courts are against him, and practice and public policy are on the side of the legislature.

The situation is a very critical one to many interests in the state, and is more especially damaging to the new constitution, and the latter seems to be what is demanded by many. In the first place, if the legislature sustains the governor's position the World's Fair bill can not again be passed, and Kentucky will not be represented at the exposition. Then, again, if the courts sustain the legislature, the necessity for an extra session did not exist, and this great expense will fall upon the chief executive.

Then, again, the great waste of money will injure the Democratic party on account of that party's control of the executive and legislative branches of the government, and each will try and shoulder the responsibility of this great outrage on the heads of the other.

The present administration has not benefitted the future outlook for the democracy in the state. The great expense of an extra session has to be shouldered by the administration in power, and already the cry of the tax-payer goes out for a "halt."

The governor should have met the general assembly in a manly, upright way, and solved the issues in a manner that would have done credit to both departments. He should have requested the general assembly to pass all the vetoes over his head, thereby curing any technical defects as to the manner of passing the bills, leaving the policy of their passage to the legislature. This would have saved nearly one hundred thousand dollars to the tax-payers, and the democratic party would not be charged with any responsibility for this waste of public funds. The legislature can not grasp the situation because of the friends of the executive who stand by him, and the future will open wide the gulch where the Democratic party may be ditched on account of the inability of its leaders to work in unity.—Frankfort Argus.

### Accidental Death.

Last Sunday evening, John Sewell, of Spencer, this county, started to church on a hand car with several others. Before they had proceeded very far an obstruction in the shape of a plank was observed lying across the track, and Mr. Sewell no doubt thinking the car would be thrown from the track, jumped and fell in front of the car and was killed instantly, his neck being broken. The obstruction was swept aside, and those who remained on the car were uninjured. Mr. Sewell was about 55 years old, and leaves a wife and several children. Among the latter are J. Davis Sewell, agent at Ewington, J. D. Sewell, agent at Salt Lick, and G. W. Sewell, of Lexington. Mr. Sewell had been a regular attendant at the meeting at Spencer, and we understand had recently united with the church. His remains were interred at the Kemper burying ground Monday afternoon. The family have the sympathy of many friends in the sudden and awful death of Mr. Sewell.—Mt. Sterling Gazette.

### Said His Prayers.

While attempting to avenge the wrongs to his daughter and niece, Charles Maynard was killed by Ed Queen in Wayne county, West Virginia, a few miles from Louisa. A year ago Queen married Maynard's niece, and soon deserted her. Recently he induced Maynard's daughter to run away with him. Her father swore to kill him at sight, and upon meeting him Maynard presented a revolver, and gave Queen five minutes to pray. Queen prayed a short time, and made a rush at Maynard, who fired a ball, which cut the skin on Queen's face. Maynard then drew a short loaded club and struck Queen a stunning blow. They clinched, and Queen wrested the revolver from Maynard and shot him in the mouth, the ball passing upward through the brain. The murderer escaped, and Maynard's friends offer \$100 reward.

### The Outlook.

The new revenue and taxation bill which the general assembly is expected to enact into a law during the present called session, is now the subject of careful and intelligent study by the members. We have thought that it would be impossible to reconcile the contending factions and bring together in harmony the widely separated opinions on this subject. Recent developments induce a different opinion and we now have reason for belief that if the wishes of a majority of the members of the general assembly can be carried into effect, a bill on the subject of revenue and taxation will be matured before the 15th of November next, of such character as will meet the approval, or at least receive the support, of a sufficient number of the members of each house to enact it as a law. We may be mistaken in our estimate of the present temper of the general assembly on this subject, but such is the situation now, as we see it.—Frankfort Capital.

### An Outsider's Opinion.

In the judicial district just east of us, there is a prospect of a race for the circuit judgeship. Judge Lilly, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election. He is an extreme partisan republican and has shown much bitterness in his politics, but poses now as an independent and insists that there is no politics in the judgeship. He has the republican party so completely under his thumb that it does not dare to call a convention. The democrats have nominated Hon. D. B. Redwine, of Breathitt, a very bright, plucky, industrious young man, who has qualities that admirably fit him for the position. He has a clear, vigorous intellect, a firm decided will, and is withal an excellent lawyer and pleasant and courteous in manner. That district is growing in wealth and importance and ought to have a capable, wide-awake, good judge, such as Redwine certainly would make.—Winchester Democrat.

### The Pardoning Power.

The taxpayers are interested in the number of pardons issued to criminals, inasmuch as they have to furnish the money to pay the expense attending the convictions. The number of felons released from the penitentiary by pardons during Gov. Buckner's administration was 110 this covering a period of four years. From the commencement of Gov. Brown's administration the number of pardons issued is 86. This covers a period of less than one year, and fifty-four of this number have been pardoned since the first of January last. The parole board was declared unconstitutional by Gov. Brown, and there has been no releases under this system, as the board has never been called together.—Frankfort Argus.

### Foremost the Use of Frument.

Every citizen who has any respect for himself or his neighbor should cry aloud against a certain element that has for years been governing or trying to run the elections in this country. If men want office let them make a square, honest, open fight. The class of men and candidates that sneak around and work upon a certain class of men by influencing them with money and whisky, are far from worthy of the office which they seek. A candidate that will flood the precinct with money and whisky to gain his election is the man that will be repulsed at the coming election by the honest, sober thinking citizen.—Mt. Sterling Gazette.

### All Doubt Dispelled.

If there were any doubt in the mind of anybody that the original tariff plank introduced into the Chicago convention by its platform committee was good republican doctrine, it will be entirely dispelled by the president's letter of acceptance. Mr. Cleveland says he knows nothing about the protection gospel that was sought to be injected into the democratic party law. Now who was it that attempted the fraud, and how came the committee to be so misled? We should be in a pretty fix, truly, if the convention had not come to the rescue, put its foot upon the monstrosity, and substituted a declaration clear, ringing and unequivocal.—Courier-Journal.

The big fight at New Orleans, on Wednesday night of last week, resulted in a victory for James J. Corbett, of California, who knocked out Sullivan in the twenty-first round.

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